Foreign Exchange received by NGOs

3990. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign exchange received by various Non-Governmental Organisations, State-wise, organisation-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether there are reports of wide spread misuse of the funds received from abroad as none of these organisations keep and maintain proper accounts of such funds;

(c) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for the amendment of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act to curb the misuse of funds received from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) The details are contained in the Annual Reports on the 'Receipt of Foreign Contribution by voluntary Associations' brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Copies of these Annual Reports upto the year 1998-99 are available in the Parliament Library. The data for the year 1999-2000 is under compilation.

(b) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, associations, which are covered under the said Act, are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The monitoring of foreign contributions is done through the returns submitted by such associations. The scrutiny of these returns has not revealed any widespread misuse of foreign contribution.

(c) and (d) The Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by voluntary organisations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

Merger Agreement of Manipur

3991. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken up by Government to fulfil the aspirations of people of Manipur under Article VIII (3) of the Merger Agreement of Manipur signed on 21st September, 1949; and